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SUBJ: LAUNCHING OF AIR TANZANIA

REF: DAR ES SALAAM 1587 (NOTAL)

1. TANGOV "DAILY NEWS" ON 21 APRIL ANNOUNCED DETAILS AND STAFFING OF NEWLY CREATED AIR TANZANIA NATIONAL AIRLINE, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DOMESTIC SERVICE ON 1 MAY. SCHEDULE HAS NOT YET BEEN ANNOUNCED. REPORTEDLY, THE AIRLINE WILL INITIALLY USE THREE FOKKER FRIENDSHIPS AND TWO SIX-SEATER AIRCRAFT (ANOTHER NEWS ACCOUNT HAS TWO FOKKERS AND THREE SIX-SEATERS). TWO FOKKERS ARE IN TANZANIA AND PREVIOUSLY BELONGED TO EAST AFRICAN AIRWAYS, (EAA). THE FOKKERS WILL BE SERVICED IN MAPUTO. THE SIX-SEATERS WILL BE DRY-LEASED FROM MOZAMBIQUE'S DETA.

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2. FYI - NO MENTION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE DC-9 OF EAA HELD IN TANZANIA. WE HAVE HEARD CONFLICTING REPORTS OF WHETHER OR NOT IT WILL EVENTUALLY BE USED REGIONAL SERVICES. PROBLEM IS ONE OF MAINTENANCE. END FYI.

3. IT WAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TANZANIA HAD PURCHASED TWO NEW FOKKERS FROM THE NETHERLANDS GOVT. FOR DELIVERY LATER THIS YEAR.

COST WAS \$8.4 MILLION. (RECENTLY, A LOCAL COMPANY ANNOUNCED IT WAS PURCHASING FIVE US PIPER AIRCRAFT TO START UP A DOMESTIC CHARTER AND SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE CALLED TANZANIA AVIATION LTD.)

4. AIR TANZANIA WILL NOT ABSORB ALL TANZANIAN FORMER EMPLOYEES OF EAA. REPORTEDLY, THERE ARE NINE TANZANIAN CAPTAINS, SEVENTEEN FIRST OFFICER CO-PILOTS, AND OVER ONE HUUNDRED AIRCRAFT ENGINEERS.

5. PRIME MINISTER HAS CALLED ON RELEVANT MINISTRIES ON MAINLAND AND ZANZIBAR TO COOPERATE IN SETTING UP ONE AIRLINE UNDER ONE BOARD.
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